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EXHIBIT A  
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1. (Twice Amended) A bone tendon bone graft useful in orthopedic surgery comprising an implantable unitary structure, wherein said implantable unitary structure comprises at least one bone block and a tendon attached thereto said at least one bone block, wherein said at least one bone block is shaped into a dowel; and wherein at least one bone block comprises a first end and a second end which are tapered.
2. The bone tendon bone graft of claim 1, wherein said bone tendon bone graft comprises one bone block, and wherein said tendon is derived from an Achilles tendon, patellar tendon, or quadriceps tendon of a donor.
4. The bone tendon graft of claim 2, wherein said one bone block comprises a groove sufficient to accommodate a fixation screw.
5. The bone tendon graft of claim 2, wherein said one bone block comprises at least one graft manipulation hole.
14. A bone tendon bone graft useful in orthopedic surgery comprising at least one bone block and a tendon attached to said at least one bone block; wherein:
  - a) said tendon comprises a first end and a second end;

- b) said at least one bone block comprises a first bone block attached to said first end and a second bone block attached to said second end;
- c) said first bone block comprises a first bone block end contiguous with said tendon and a second bone block end opposite said first bone block end; and
- d) said first bone block comprises a taper at said first bone block end and a taper at said second bone block end, whereby said bone tendon bone graft is enabled to be implanted bi-directionally.

17. (Amended) The bone tendon bone graft of claim 14 wherein said first bone block and said second bone block each have a groove sufficient to accommodate a fixation screw.

19. (New) A bone-tendon-bone graft suitable for implanting in humans comprising a first bone block and a second bone block naturally interconnected by a tendon, wherein said first bone block and said second bone block has each been preshaped into a dowel.

20. (New) The bone-tendon-bone graft of claim 19, wherein said dowel has radius cuts.

21. (New) The bone-tendon-bone graft of claim 19, wherein said dowel has a tapered region.

22. (New) The bone-tendon-bone graft of claim 19 being an allograft.
23. (New) The bone-tendon-bone graft of claim 19 being a xenograft.
24. (New) The bone-tendon-bone graft of claim 23, wherein said xenograft has been processed to minimize the level of antigenic agents or potentially pathogenic agents.